



## **LOUISBURG PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

### **Wednesday January 26, 2022**

The Planning Commission of the City of Louisburg, Kansas met at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers with Chairperson Andy Sauber presiding.

#### **ATTENDANCE:**

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| Commission Members:  | Michelle Olson, Lee Baer, Les Page, Rick Phillips, and Michael Sharp |
| Mayor:               | Donna Cook                                                           |
| City Council:        | Clint Ernst                                                          |
| City Administrator:  | Nathan Law                                                           |
| City Staff:          | Jean Carder                                                          |
| Recording Secretary: | Rusty Whitham                                                        |
| Visitors:            | None                                                                 |

#### **ITEM 1: ROLL CALL**

#### **ITEM 2: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Michelle Olson to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Michael Sharp. The motion passed 6-0.

#### **ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Lee Baer to approve the minutes from the December 29, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Michelle Olson. The motion passed 3-0-3. Michael Sharp, Rick Phillips, and Les Page abstained.

**ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Persons who wish to address the Planning Commission regarding items not on the agenda may do so at this time. Speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes. Any presentation is for information purposes only.

None

#### **PUBLIC HEARING BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**Item 5: 22001-TXT (Text Amendment) - Article 8 of the Zoning Regulations, Section 805, paragraph A.6, Political Signs.**

Andy Sauber began by opening discussion up for public comment. No public comment was made. Sauber then closed this public comment portion of the discussion.

Administrator Nation Law mentioned that the wording for the proposed text amendment came directly from Kansas Statute (KSA 25-2711). Administrator law explained that the wording can be changed in the text amendment to make it Louisburg specific. Administrator Law also stated that the Planning Commission may choose to allow political signs to be displayed outside the window mentioned in statute. However, no limitations other than what is already stated in the statute can be placed on political signs during the prescribed period.

Les Page asked if would be wise to add a sentence that states; “political signs displayed outside the period outlined in KSA 25-2711 may be removed”. Administrator Law said that a statement such as that could added to the text amendment if the Planning Commission wishes.

After additional discussion Les Page made a motion recommending the below text amendment to Article 8 of the Zoning Regulations, Section 805, paragraph A.6, Political Signs:

*“No political signs shall be displayed outside the statutory allowances outlined in Kansas Statute (KSA 25-2711): “No city or county shall regulate or prohibit the placement of or the number of political signs on private property or the unpaved right-of-way for city streets or county roads on private property during the 45-day period prior to any election and the two-day period following any such election. Cities and counties may regulate the size and a set-back distance for the placement of signs so as not to impede sight lines or sight distance for safety reasons”.*

The motion was seconded by Michael Sharp. The motion passed 6-0.

This item with Planning Commission recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council on February 7, 2022 for additional consideration.

### **NON-PUBLIC HEARING BUSINESS ITEMS:**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Item 6: Discussion concerning potential changes to Article 8 of the Zoning Regulations, Section 804, paragraph L, Temporary Signs.**

After a lengthy discussion Lee Baer made a motion to move forward with a formal text amendment as discussed in the staff report. The motion was seconded by Michael Sharp. The motion passed 6-0.

Staff agreed to present a formal text amendment during a public hearing at an upcoming Planning Commission meeting.

#### **Item 7: Discussion concerning potential changes to Article 8 of the Zoning Regulations, Section 804, paragraph D, Electronic Message Center Signs.**

After a lengthy discussion Michael Sharp made a motion to move forward with a formal text amendment as discussed in the staff report. The motion was seconded by Les Page. The motion passed 6-0.

Staff agreed to present a formal text amendment during a public hearing at an upcoming Planning Commission meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Any old business the Commission may wish to discuss

**Item 8: None**

**Item 9: ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Lee Baer to adjourn the meeting. Second was made by Michelle Olson. The motion passed 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

**Submitted by Rusty Whitham**

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